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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1481

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, SREF, CU, US, PN  
SUBJECT: PROCESSING OF CUBAN IV APPLICANTS

REF: STATE 136361

1. USINT HAS ABOUT 2,500 I-130'S ON FILE. OUR PRESENT PROCEDURE WHICH REQUIRES EXIT PERMISSION IN HAND BEFORE BEGINNING PROCESSING OF IV APPLICATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE "ENFORCING CUBAN RESTRICTIONS ON EMIGRATION" BUT IS, RATHER, ACCEPTANCE OF FACT THAT EMIGRATION FROM CUBA IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR CUBAN CITIZENS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF GOC. LACK OF EXIT PERMISSION HAS CERTAINLY NOT PREVENTED CUBAN INTENDING EMIGRANTS FROM COMING TO USINT. MANY HAVE, OR HAD, ILLUSIONS THAT USINT COULD ARRANGE FOR EXIT PERMISSION. MANY IN CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY OBVIOUSLY SHARE THAT MISCONCEPTION.

2. POST DOES NOT PROPOSE TO PROCESS IV APPLICATIONS PRIOR TO ACQUISITION OF EXIT PERMISSION. WE HAVE NEITHER AMERICAN NOR CUBAN STAFF TO HANDLE SUCH A PROGRAM. MORE IMPORTANTLY, ENTIRE EXERCISE WOULD BE FUTILE AND WOULD GIVE FALSE HOPE TO CUBANS INVOLVED. MANY INTENDING EMIGRANTS BEGAN APPLYING FOR EXIT PERMISSION AS LONG AS 19 YEARS AGO. MAJORITY OF BENEFICIARIES OF I-130'S ON FILE HERE WILL NEVER BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE CUBA. EVEN THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT PERMISSION IS IMMINENT OR THAT VERBAL AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED  
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ARE OFTEN LATER CRUELLY DISAPPOINTED. USINT DOES NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION HAT OUR PRESNECE IN CUBA HAS RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER NUMBER OF CUBANS BEING PEMITTED TO EMIGRATE TO US. COMPARISON OF CURRENT FIGURES FOR WORLD-WIDE ISSUANCE TO CUBANS AGAINST NUMBERS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS WOULD SBE INTERESTING.

3. APPROPRIATE CUBAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT  
USINT ISSUING IMMIGRANT VISAS AND THAT WE PREFER HANDLE  
BULK OF CUBAN WORKLOAD IN HAVANA. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO  
DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF MEDICAL PROCESSING OF IV APPLICANTS  
WITH DR. BROWN.  
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